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Art Unit	3636
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- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on OCT 30 2002
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on GROUP 3600
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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Serial No.: 09/597,445

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Title: CONFORMABLE BACKREST
FOR A CHAIR

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) Art Unit: 3636
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) Preliminary Amendment
) In Response to
) Office Action of 04/25/2002
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) Examiner:
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